

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 15, 2010 held at Central Library

TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Catherine Radecki-Bush; Christine Roberts; Eric Friedman; Dorothy Brilliant
TRUSTEES ABSENT:	None
COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Irene Macias, Library Director
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner Gallery at 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2010.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	Change in order of Presentations (1) and (2).
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	The minutes were approved as submitted.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 3:00 pm in the Faulkner Gallery, East.

City Libraries

Director Macias made a presentation that provided an overview of the City Library Services including a description of the diversity of services offered, some recent accomplishments and usage trends since 2000. In addition she reviewed some of the budget challenges facing the City Libraries.

Director Macias also reviewed the budget challenges for the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget outlining the Library's balancing strategy.

Results of a Library User Survey



Linda Demmers, a consultant for the Library's reorganization project presented the results of a Community Survey conducted between August 2009 and February 2010. There were 680 responses. A ranking of library services showed the resulting top ten:

Children's books	4.21
Interlibrary loan	4.15
Holds and reserves	4.14
Up-to-date collections	4.13
Expert help /reference	4.11
On-line sources	3.89
Children's Programs	3.88
Quiet reading areas	3.87
Children's Summer reading	3.83
Children's Story-time programs	3.77

There were a number of questions asked and comments made by members of the public. In addition, the public was asked to weigh in on their priorities for library services. The results have been tallied and are attached.

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Survey Results

SUBJECT	Total Count	Most Important 	2 nd Most Important 
Up-To-Date Collections	16	11	5
Children's Books	10	4	6
Holds and Reserves	9	1	8
Expert Help & Reference	8	4	4
Public Internet Computers	8	1	7
Children's Programs	6	1	5
Literacy Programs	4	1	3
Online Databases	3	1	2
Teen Area	3	1	2
Children's Storytime Program	3	0	3
Interlibrary Loan	2	0	2
Wireless Network Access	1	0	1
Homework Support	0	0	0